

Belvidere Medical Practice.

Annual Statement for Infection Prevention and Control.

27.11.2023.

Purpose.

This annual statement is generated each year in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008- *code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance.*

It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and subsequent action
- Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken and subsequent actions
- Details of any staff training undertaken
- Any review and update of policies and procedures.

Infection Prevention and Control Lead-

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Infection Transmission Incidents.

All significant events are reviewed at the bi- monthly clinical and nurse meetings.

Infection Prevention Audit

An annual audit was conducted in October 2023.

There were no immediate concerns raised.

Annual handwashing audit has been commenced for the clinical staff.

Risk assessment

There is an ongoing schedule of reporting and replacing equipment that is faulty and may potentially pose as an IPC risk. The staff and cleaner all have a responsibility to report this. The chairs in clinic rooms for example.

Training

All clinical and non- clinical staff have IPC training available via Blue Stream academy.

Update of policy and procedures

IPC is on the agenda of every clinical meeting.

There has been a purchase of a small fridge for specimens so that NO specimens need to be stored in vaccine fridges.

The posters informing of hand washing/handrub techniques, occupational exposure and body fluid spillages have been updated in all clinic rooms and toilets.

To comply with the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021 the premises has been allotted a functional risk score and the cleaning schedule is being considered, however, the current cleaning schedule reflects a more thorough level of cleaning than the recommendations suggest.

The IPC lead liaises with the surgery cleaner at least weekly.

The surgery IPC policy is in the process of being reviewed and updated and is in line with the National infection prevention and control manual for England.

Quarterly cleaning efficacy audits will commence from January 2024 in line with the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021

Mandy Till
IPC Lead.